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THE

ARTICLES OF FAITH,

COVENANT,

ECCLESIASTICAL PRINCIPLES AND RULES,

HISTORICAL SKETCH,

AND

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HISTORICAL SKETCH.

In the autumn of the year 1852 the *Prairie Herald*, a religious paper which had been for some time published in Chicago, was offered for sale. The Rev. L. S. Hobart of Michigan, and the Rev. J. C. Holbrook of Dubuque, Iowa, being providentially present in Chicago (to assist in the dedication services of the Plymouth Church), entered into negotiations for the purchase of the paper. with a view of making it the organ of Congregationalism in the Northwest

A meeting of a few persons was called to consider the subject; among whom were Philo Carpenter, Joseph Johnston, Lewis Broad, L. D. Olmsted, C. G. Hammond, Rev. Messrs. Holbrook and Hobart, and perhaps some others. It became necessary, in case the purchase were made, to secure an editor; and the Rev. Mr. Holbrook signifying his willingness to accept the post and to remove to this City, only upon the condition of finding an opening to labor also in the ministry, the project was suggested of commencing services on the North side of the river as a missionary effort, with a view of organizing a church, should the leadings of Providence indicate its propriety. This plan, after some deliberation, was adopted; and subscriptions for the support of Mr. Holbrook were secured. Meetings were commenced on Sabbath afternoons at the North Market Hall, and prayer meetings held at private houses; the congregation of the Plymouth Church constituting for a long time, the principal congregation in attendance on the North side. During the winter of 1853, preliminary steps were taken to procure a lot and erect a house of worship on it. A lot on the corner of Wolcott and Indiana streets, was purchased in the name of B. Carpenter, and subscriptions obtained to make the first payment thereon, and to build a house of worship. J. C. Holbrook, L. D. Olmsted, and B. Carpenter were appointed building committee. The effort being still regarded as a missionary effort, with no certainty as to the result, whether or not Providence would seem to indicate the organization and permanence of a church, it was agreed that all subscribers to the purchase and building should own their private proportions of the property, and be entitled to the same, unless an ecclesiastical society should be formed under the *Statute*, within three years

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from April 1, 1853; in which case each subscriber was to be refunded the amount of his subscription, but without interest—unless he should donate the same to such ecclesiastical society, for the benefit of the society and the church to be organized in connection therewith. Preliminary steps were taken about the first of May, 1853, to compile Articles of Faith, Covenant, and Rules of church order, by a committee consisting of Rev. J. C. Holbrook, C. G. Hammond, G. C. Whitney and Lewis Broad; and a committee, consisting of Rev. J. C. Holbrook, G. C. Whitney and L. D. Olmsted, was appointed to call a Council of Churches to organize a Congregational church in North Chicago, in June following.

The Articles of Faith, etc., were agreed to on the succeeding Sabbath, after the usual exercises of public worship; and on the 15th day of June, 1853, pursuant to letters missive, a Council assembled, and organized the following individuals into a Congregational Church in the North Division of Chicago:

Rev. J. C. Holbrook,
Mrs. A. S. Holbrook,
Abraham Clark,
Mrs. Melicent Clark,
Miss Jane Clark,
Miss R. A. Coale,
Charles G. Hammond,
Mrs. C. G. Hammond,
Orlando Davidson,
Mrs. O. Davidson,
Benjamin Carpenter,
Mrs. B. Carpentor,
L. D. Olmsted,
Mrs. L. D. Olmsted,
J. W Davidson,
Mrs. J. W. Davidson,
Miss C. Davidson,
C. H. Whitney,
Miss Sarah Whitney,
G. C. Whitney,
Mrs. G. C. Whitney.

On July 6, 1853, at a regular church meeting, Charles G. Hammond and George C. Whitney were elected Deacons, and Orlando Davidson, Clerk.

The name by which this Church is now known, "New England Church," was adopted by unanimous vote of the Church, October 9, 1853.

The Rev. J. C. Holbrook continued his labors as stated supply of this Church until the close of 1855. He was never settled as Pastor of the Church, although a call was once extended to him by the Church. From that time until March, 1857, the pulpit was supplied by different Ministers; but for more than half of the time by the Rev. Charles P. Bush, a Presbyterian minister, now settled at Beloit. The Rev. S. C. Bartlett became our minister as pastor elect, in March, 1857, and was duly installed April 15, 1857. L. D. Olmsted was the first superintendent of the Sabbath School connected with the Church, which situation was afterwards held by C. H. Whitney now deceased, by Mortimer M. Brown, by C. H. Hammond, and by Wm. H. Bradley, the present superintendent. An Ecclesiastical Society was formed in connection with this Church, in February, 1856, called "The New England Congregational Society," which united

with the Church in calling the present Pastor, Rev. S C. Bartlett, Nov. 3, 1856, and in renewing said call February 1, 1857.

The articles of Faith, Covenant, and Standing Rules were revised and adopted, in their present form, in the month of March, 1858.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ADOPTED MARCH 3D, 1858.

I. We believe that there is one only living and true God; a Being possessed of every possible perfection, infinite in power, wisdom, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

Deut. vi. 4. Is. xlii. 8; xlv. 5. Neh. ix. 6. Jer. x. 10. Chron. xxix. 11. Ps. cxlv. 3. Rev. xix. 16. Is. xliii. 13 Acts xv. 18. Rom. xi. 33; xvi. 27. Col. ii. 3. Rev. iv. 8. Ps. v. 4; cxix. 137. Ex. xxxiv. 6. Deut. xxxii. 4. Ps. c. 5.

II. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are given by inspiration of God, and that they contain the only perfect rule of faith and practice.

2 Tim. iii. 16. 2 Pet. i. 19, 20, 21. Heb. i. 1. 1 Cor. ii. 13. Gal. i. 11, 12. Mat. x. 20. Luke i. 70. Acts. i. 16; iii. 18; xxviii. 25. 1 Thes. ii. 13. Is. viii. 20. Gal. i. 8. John xii. 48. Rev. xxii. 18, 19.

III. We believe that according to the Scriptures there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and that these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Mat. xxviii. 19. 2 Cor. xiii. 14. Phil. ii. 6. Is. ix. 6. Mat. i. 23. 1 Tim. iii. 16. John i. 1, 2, 3, 14; xx. 38. Heb. i. 3, 8. 1 John, v. 20. Rom. ix. 5. Rev. i. 8; v. 13. Heb. xiii. 8. Mat. xviii, 20; xxviii. 20. John xxi. 17; ii. 24, 25. Col. i. 16, 17. Acts x. 42. John v. 17, 23. Heb. i. 6. Acts vii. 59; v. 3, 4. John i. 13, with iii. 5. 2 Tim. iii. 16, with 2 Pet. i. 21. John xvi. 13; xiv. 16, 17. Luke xii. 12. 1 Cor. ii. 10.

IV. We believe that God has made all things for himself; that he governs the universe according to the counsel of his own will, and that all events will be made subservient to his wise and benevolent designs.

Rev. iv. 11. Rom. xi. 36. Prov. xvi. 4. Is. xlvi. 10. Eph. i. 11; iii. 11. Acts xv. 18; xvii. 26. Job xiv. 5. Luke xxii. 22. Acts ii. 22; iv. 22, 28. Ps. xxxiii. 11. Job. xxiii. 13. Is. xiv. 24, 27; xliv. 6, 7; xlvi. 6, 7. Col. i. 16. Dan. iv. 35. Ps. cxlv; 10, 11, 12.

V. We believe that man was created in the image of God, in a state of rectitude and holiness; that he fell from that state by transgressing the divine law; and that in consequence of the original apostacy, the heart of man in his natural state is destitute of holiness and inclined to evil; and that all men, previous to regeneration, are dead in trespasses and sins.

Gen. i. 27; iii. 3, 6, Eccl vii, 29. Rom. v. 12, 18, 19. Eph. ii. 1, 3. John v. 42. Rom. vii. 18; viii. 7, 8. Jer. xvii. 9. Gen. vi. 5. Rom. iii 9—12. Ps. li. 5. Job xv. 14. John iii. 6, 19. Gen. viii. 21, Ps. lviii. 3. Prov. xxii. 15. Ps. xiv. 2, 3. John iii. 5. Tit. iii. 5.

VI. We believe that Christ Jesus has, by his sufferings and death, made atonement for sin, and that all who are saved, are justified wholly by grace through the redemption which there is in Christ.

Mat. xxvi. 28. 1 Pet. i. 18, 19. 2 Cor. v. 14, 15; vii. 9. Is. liii. 5. Mat. xx. 28. Eph. ii. 13. Heb. ix. 12; x. 10, 14. Gal. iii. 13. Eph. i. 7. 1 Tim. i. 15. Acts xx. 28. Rom. iii. 24, 25; v. 6, 8. 1 Cor. ii. 2; v. 7; xv. 3 1 John ii. 1, 2. Rev. v. 9. John iii. 16. Acts iv. 12. Eph. ii. 5, 8. Heb. ii. 9. Rom. xi. 6. 2 Tim. i. 9. Tit. iii. 5, 7. Col. iii. 10. Rom. iii. 24.

VII. We believe that salvation is freely offered to all men, and that all men are under obligation, immediately to embrace the Gospel; but that such is the depravity of the human heart, that no man will come to Christ, until he is renewed by the special agency of the Holy Spirit.

Rev. xxii. 16. Is. lv. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7. Luke xiv. 17. Mat. xi. 28, 29. John vi. 35, 7, 37. Ezek. xxxiii. 11. Acts iii. 19. Rev. xxi. 6. Ezek. xviii. 31. James iv. 7, 8. John v. 40; iii. 19; vi. 44, 45. Mat. xxii. 3, 5, 6. Luke xiv. 18–20. John iii. 3, 5, 6. Rom. vii. 8, 13, 14. 1 Cor. ii. 14. Eph. ii. 1. Tit. iii. 5. Ezek. xi. 19; xxxvi. 26, 27. Col. ii. 13. 1 John v. 4. 1 Cor. vi. 11. Phil. ii. 13.

VIII. We believe that all who embrace the Gospel, were from the beginning chosen unto salvation, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth; and that they will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Eph. i. 4, 5, 11. John xvii. 6, 9, 11, 24. Rom. viii. 28–30; ix. 11; xi. 5–7. Acts xxviii. 48. Mat. xxiv. 24. 2 Thes. ii. 13. 2 Tim. i. 9. 1 Pet. i. 2. 1 Thes. v. 9. John xiii. 18; xv. 16, 19. 2 Pet. i. 10. Gal. ii. 16; iii. 11; v. 4, Phil. i. 6. 1 Cor. i. 8. John vi. 39; x. 27–29. 1 John ii. 19. Ps. xxxvii. 23, 24. Job xvii. 9. Rom. viii. 1, 30, 38, 39. Heb. vii. 25. John iii, 36. Heb. vi. 19. 2 Thes. ii. 14. 1 Pet. i. 3–5. 1 Thes. v. 9, 10, 23, 24. Mat. vii. 24, 25. John iv. 14. 1 Pet. i. 9.

IX. We believe that the moral law of God is perpetually binding as a rule of duty; and that an habitual endeavor after conformity to its requirements, is an indispensable mark of true faith in Christ and a good hope of eternal life.

Rom. vii. 12. Mat. v. 17, 19, 48. Rom. vi. 15. Mat. xxii. 37–39. 1 Pet. i. 15, 16. Rom. xii. 1. 2 Cor. vii. 1. Eph. iv. 25–32; v. 1, 11. 1 Pet. ii. 21, 22. Tet. ii. 11, 12. Mat. vii. 20, 21. John viii. 47; xiii. 35; xiv. 21, Rom. viii. 9. James ii. 17, 18. 1 John ii. 3–5; iii. 3, 24; v. 2, 3.

X. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has a visible Church in this world, to which those, and those only, should be admitted, who give credible evidence of regeneration.

1 Cor. i. 2; xii. 12, 13. Acts ii. 47. Col. i. 1–5. Rev. ii. 7. 1 Tim. iii. 15. Eph. ii. 20. Acts xx. 28. Mat. x. 32, 33. Eph. v. 25. Rom. x. 9. 10. 2 Cor. vi. 16, 17. Eph. i. 1. Acts viii. 36, 37. John iii. 5.

XI. We believe that the Christian Sabbath is of divine appointment and permanent obligation; that the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper were instituted by Christ, and are to be observed to the end of the world; that visible believers in regular Church standing only, can consistently partake of the Lord's Supper; and that visible believers and their households only, can consistently be admitted to the ordinance of Baptism.

Gen. ii. 2, 3. Ex. xx. 8–10. Mark ii. 27, 28. Mat. xii, 13; xxiv. 20. Mark xvi. 9. John xx. 19. Acts xx. 7. 1 Cor. xvi. 2. Rev. i 10. Mat. xxvi, 26–29. 1 Cor. xi. 23–26. Mat. xxviii. 19. Acts ii. 41. 1 Cor. xi. 27–30; v. 7, 8, Acts viii. 36, 37; ii. 41. Gen. xvii. 7, 9–12. Rom. iv. 11, 16. 1 Cor vii. 14. Luke xviii. 15–17, Acts xvi. 15, 33. 1 Cor. i. 16. Gal. iii. 27–29.

XII. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the just and of the unjust, and a day of general judgment; and that the wicked will go away into punishment, and the righteous into happiness, both of which will be without end.

Acts xxiv. 15. John, v. 28, 29; xi. 23–25. 1 Cor. xv. 52. Heb. ix. 27, Rev. xx. 12. Mat. xxv. 31–33. Rom. xiv. 10, 12. 2 Cor. v. 10, 11. Mat. xii. 36; xvi. 27; xxv. 34, 41, 46. Rom. ii. 5–11. Mat. xiii. 40–43, 47–50. 2 Thes. i. 6–10. 2 Pet. iii. 7. Rev. xiv. 11, 13. Mat. iii. 7, 10, 12. Mark iii. 29. Mat. xii. 31. John viii. 36. Mat. xxvi. 24. Luke xiii. 23–30. John iii. 16. 1 Pet. i. 3, 4.

COVENANT.

Viewing yourselves to be subjects of special Divine grace, and bound publicly to confess Christ, you do now, in the presence of God, angels and men, acknowledge your obligation to be the Lord's, and do here solemly consecrate yourselves and all you have, forever, to God, through Jesus Christ. You renounce the ways of sin, and choose the Lord Jehovah to be your God, and eternal portion; the Lord Jesus Christ to be your only Savior; and the Holy Ghost, your Sanctifier and Comforter. You take God's Holy Word to be your rule of faith and practice, and you engage, by the help of his grace, to conform to it in all your conduct. You promise constantly to attend on all the institutions and ordinances of the Gospel; and particularly the Lord's Supper, Public Worship, and the social meetings of the Church; to maintain secret prayer daily, and by example and effort to encourage family devotions and the strict observance of the Sabbath, and to restrain from vicious practices all who may be under your care. You promise to avoid conformity to the world in regard to sinful habits, conversation, reading, and amusements.

You do now cordially join yourselves to this as a Church of Christ, engaging to submit to its discipline, so far as conformable to the rules of the Gospel; and solemnly covenanting to strive, as far as in you lies, for its Gospel peace, edification, and purity, and to walk with its members in all memberlike love, faithfulness, circumspection, meekness, and sobriety. Thus you covenant and promise.

[*Here the members of the church will rise.*]

We, then, the members of this Church of Christ, do now receive you into our communion, and promise to watch over you with Christian affection and tenderness, ever treating you in love as members of the body of Christ, who is Head over all things to the Church.

This we do, imploring the Great Shepherd of Israel, our Lord and Redeemer, that both we and you may have wisdom and grace to be faithful in his covenant, and to glorify him with the holiness which becometh his house forever.

PRINCIPLES OF ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT.

This Church is instituted on the fundamental principles of Congregationalism, viz:

That every particular association of Christians, voluntarily united for the worship of God, and the observance of Gospel ordinances, is a complete Church, independent of all other human bodies or individuals, and has the right to decide all questions affecting the objects of its organization; That Christ is the sole head and lawgiver of the Church, and the Scriptures are the only infallible guide of church order and discipline; That to the Church in its associate capacity, is committed by the Scriptures the responsibility of electing its own officers, of receiving, dismissing and disciplining its members, and administering its government as a religious democracy; That the essential officers of the Church, are Pastors (also called bishops and elders in the Scriptures), and Deacons; That these officers have no authority to decide questions touching its government and discipline, while standing Committees and all other Committees are simply to prepare business for the action of the Church as a body; and, that in short, all the affairs of the Church are to be decided by the general vote of the brethren.

At the same time this Church recognizes the duty to extend to other churches of Christ, and to receive from them, that fellowship, advice, and assistance commanded by the word of God, required by common discipleship to the Savior, and sometimes made specially incumbent by the common interests at stake, or by the importance and difficulty of the subject to be decided.

STANDING RULES.

ADOPTED MARCH 24, 1858.

Art. I.—CHURCH ACTION.

All Officers and Committees shall be chosen, and, with the exceptions specified in Article Ninth, all questions shall be decided, by vote of the majority of members present

Art. II.—OFFICERS.

1. The Officers of the church, according to the New Testament examples, shall be a Pastor and Deacons. For the further ordering of its affairs, there shall be chosen each year at the annual meeting, a Clerk, and for each Sabbath School connected with the church, a Superintendent and a Sabbath School Committee.

2. At all meetings for business the Pastor shall preside, or in his absence, one of the Deacons, unless the church should designate some other member for the purpose.

3. The number of Deacons shall be three or more, who shall be elected triennially by ballot, at the annual meeting; but in case of neglect to hold an election, they shall continue to act until others are chosen. In general, their duty is understood to be, to serve the Lord's table; to relieve at their discretion, or by direction of the church, indigent and sick members as far as the funds of the church shall warrant; to endeavor to heal differences, prevent or remove scandals and offenses; to assist and consult with the Pastor; to conduct the social religious meetings when called to it by the Pastor, or in his absence, when no other provision has been made.

4. The Clerk shall record the proceedings of the church, and furnish certified copies when required. He shall keep a file of its public papers, and a list of its members, with the time of their admission, dismission or death. It shall ordinarily be his duty, to issue certificates of dismission and recommendation which have been granted by the church; or this duty may be performed by the Pastor. The Clerk shall also act as Treasurer, to receive the various charitable contributions of the church and congregation.

5. The Sabbath School Committee and Superintendent will constitute a Board of Managers for the Sabbath School with which they are connected, subject to the direction of the church.

6. At each annual meeting, the following Reports shall be submitted: from the Treasurer, a Report of all funds by him received or disbursed, accompanied with a statement of such other benevolent contributions from members of the congregation as may come to his knowledge, though not passing through his hands; from the Managers of the Sabbath School, through the Superintendent, a Report of the operation and success of the Sabbath School, and all that concerns the religious education of the children and youth; and from the Deacons, a Report of the state and progress of religion in the church and congregation, taking notice of the additions to the church, dismissions from it, and cases of permanent absence without dismission,—and including whatever stands related to the outward prosperity and spiritual welfare of the church.

7. Vacancies in any of the offices of the church may be filled at any regular weekly meeting, one week's notice being given; and the persons so chosen, shall act during the unexpired portion of the term of their predecessors.

Art. III.—DISCIPLINE.

1. The church censures shall be admonition, suspension, or excommunication. Excommunication shall be announced publicly from the pulpit.

2. The rule of discipline shall be, except in cases of open and flagrant immorality demanding immediate action, that laid down by our Saviour in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew (15–17th verses), viz.: first, private labor by an individual; if this is unsuccessful, then by one or two more; and this failing, the case shall be laid before the church.

3. In cases of discipline, one week's notice shall be given to the church, ordinarily, before final action; and the subject thereof shall be notified of the time, and have the right to be heard before the church, personally or by proxy; said proxy being a professor of religion.

Art. IV.—ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

1. Persons desiring to become connected with this church on profession of faith, may signify their desire to the Pastor or one of the Deacons. They shall be examined as to the genuineness of their hope in the presence of the church: provided, however, that upon special request of the candidate, the examination may be conducted in a more private manner by the Pastor and Deacons, and the details of the examination reported to the church for their action. If the examination be sustained, their names shall be publicly propounded from the pulpit one week at least previous to reception; after which,

if no objection be filed with the Pastor or Deacons, they may, by vote of the church, be received, upon publicly assenting to the Articles of Faith, receiving Baptism (if it have not been previously administered), and entering into covenant with the church.

2. Members of other evangelical churches applying for admission by letter, and expressing their satisfaction with our Articles of Faith, may be received by vote of the church on publicly entering into covenant with us; but unless specially ordered otherwise, their letters shall be read to the church at least one week previous to the action of the church, and shall be publicly announced from the pulpit on the Sabbath.

Art. V.—DISMISSION OF MEMBERS.

1. It is expected that members, on removing, will ask letters of dismission and recommendation. In case of delay longer than one year, it shall be the business of the Clerk to remind them of their duty.

2. Applications for letters of dismission should specify the particular church which the member wishes to join, and that church shall be notified of the fact by the clerk. The request shall ordinarily be laid before the church one week before final action.

Art. VI.—MEETINGS AND ORDINANCES.

1. The annual church meeting shall be held on the first Wednesday evening in January.

2. There shall be a regular weekly religious meeting on Wednesday evening, which it shall be considered the duty of all members to attend, Providence permitting.

3. Business may be transacted at the Wednesday evening meeting, or any other meeting announced from the pulpit on the Sabbath.

4. The Wednesday evening meeting next preceding the Lord's Supper shall be considered as especially preparatory to that ordinance, and the exercises shall be in accordance therewith.

5. The Lord's Supper shall be celebrated on the first Sabbath in January, March, May, July, September and November.

6. The monthly concert of prayer for missions shall be held on the first Monday in each month, or on the Sabbath preceding, at which time a contribution shall be taken up for missionary purposes.

7. Children may be presented for Baptism at any public meeting.

Art. VII.—CONTRIBUTIONS.

1. There shall be a contribution taken up at the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the avails of which shall be applied, first, to defraying the expenses of the table; second, to the relief of indigent or sick members; third, to such other purposes as the church may direct, when not needed for those objects.

2. Stated collections shall be taken in the congregation (or by private subscription), for the leading charitable objects, according to a schedule adopted by the church from time to time. Other occasional collections may be taken when judged expedient by the Pastor and Deacons.

3. It shall be considered the duty of all the members to contribute to the church fund and to the missionary cause regularly, as the Lord shall prosper them, and to bear a just and equal proportion of all the expenses of sustaining the Gospel in connection with this church.

Art. VIII.—COUNCILS.

In cases of difficulty in the church which cannot be otherwise adjusted, or between the Pastor and church; or when a member shall feel aggrieved by the action of the church; also in the settlement and dismission of a Pastor, resort shall be had to advisory councils, according to the approved usage of Congregational churches.

Art. IX.—AMENDMENTS.

1. Additions and amendments shall be made to these Rules only at a regular weekly meeting, and after public notice on the Sabbath, by vote of two-thirds of the members present.

2. No changes shall be made in the Articles of Faith or Covenant, except by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, at an annual meeting or one adjourned therefrom, or one specially called therefor by notice four weeks previous from the pulpit on the Sabbath: nor shall such alteration be considered, unless a notice containing the substance thereof shall have been given in writing at a previous regular meeting: nor shall such change, when made, be binding upon the consciences or rights of the non-consenting minority, provided they present a written protest within one month of said action.

Art. X.—BY LAWS.

By-laws and regulations to carry out the provisions and principles of these standing rules may be enacted at any business meeting.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS.

The following is the Schedule of regular Charitable Contributions, as adopted in 1857—to be changed, however, at the pleasure of the Church.

1 Second Sabbath in Jan., Am. Home Missionary Society,
2 " " " March, Am. Bible Society.
3 " " " May, Am. Board Com. Foreign Missions.
4 " " " July, Am. Education Society.
5 " " " September, Am. and Foreign Christian Union.
6 " " " November, Societies for circulating Religious Books and Tracts.

OFFICERS.

PASTOR.

SAMUEL C. BARTLETT.

DEACONS.

CHARLES G. HAMMOND,
GEORGE C. WHITNEY,
FRANCIS BRADLEY.

CLERK AND TREASURER.

E. W. BLATCHFORD.

SABBATH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

WILLIAM H. BRADLEY,
WILLIAM BACKUS.

SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Names.	How Received.	Remarks.
	JUNE 15, 1853.	
Rev. John C. Holbrook,	Cong. Ch. Dubuque, Iowa,	Dis. Jan. 3, 1856, [C. C. Dubuque,]
Mrs. Anna S. Holbrook,	" " " "	Dis. Jan. 3, 1855, [to C. C. Dubuque]
Abraham Clark,	" " " "	Died Feb. 21, 1855.
Mrs. Melicent Clark,	" " " "	Dis. Jan. 3, 1856, to [San Francisco],
Miss Jane E. Clark,	" " " "	Dis. Jan. 3, 1857, [to San Francisco],
Miss Rachel A. Coale,	" " " "	Sep. 3, 1859, Ply- [mouth Ch. Chi.]
Charles G. Hammond,	Plymouth Church Chicago,	
Mrs. Charlotte B. Hammond.	" " "	
Benjamin Carpenter,	" " "	
Mrs. Abigail Carpenter,	" " "	
Orlando Davidson,	" " "	Dis. Sep 1858, Con [Ch. Elgin, Ill.]
Mrs. Caroline Davidson,	" " "	Dis. Sep. 1854, Con [Ch. Elgin, Ill.]
George C. Whitney,	6th Pres. Ch. Newark, N. J.	
Mrs. Persis R. Whitney,	" " " "	
Miss Sarah Whitney,	" " " "	
Charles H. Whitney.	" " " "	Died Nov. 29, 1856
Lucius D. Olmsted,	2d. Pres. Church Chicago,	
Mrs. Jessie Olmsted,	" " "	Died Feb. 14, 1857.
James M. Davidson,	1st. Cong. Church, Chicago,	
Mrs. Lucy Davidson,	" " "	Died Nov. 20, 1855.
Miss Elizabeth Davidson,	" " "	Dis. May 17, 1856, [C. C. Mendota Ill.]
	OCTOBER 12, 1853.	
Miss Charlotte M. Carpenter,	Profession,	

Names.	How Received.	Remarks.
	NOVEMBER 5, 1856.	
William H. Bradley,	2d. Pres. Church, Galena, Ill.	
Mrs. Sophronia S. Bradley,	" " " "	
	DECEMBER 3, 1856.	
William Dickinson,	Cong. Church, Springfield, Vt.	
	MAY 3, 1857.	
William E. Wheeler,	Ref. Dutch Ch. Newark, N. J.	
Robert Whitney,	Ref. Dutch Ch. Sandusky, O.	Dis. Dec. 29, 1857, [C. C. St. Louis, M.]
	MAY 3, 1857.	
Samuel C. Bartlett,	Frank. St. Ch. Manchester, N. H.	
Mrs. Mary B. Bartlett,	" " " "	
	JULY 5, 1857.	
Ellis S. Chesbrough,	Park St. Church, Boston,	
Mrs. Eliz. A. Chesbrough,	" " "	
Miss Mary A. Barnett,	" " "	
	SEPTEMBER 6, 1857.	
John H. Shaw,	High St. Church, Portland, Me.	
Mrs. Francis E. Millard,	Pres. Church, South Bend, Ind.	
	NOVEMBER 1, 1857.	
George Tucker,	North Cong. Ch. Hartford, Con.	
Francis Bradley,	1st Ch. of Christ, New Haven, C.	
Mrs. Sarah P. Bradley,	" " "	
Albert Sanderson,	Bowdoin St. Church, Boston,	
Mrs. Laurinda Sanderson,	" " "	
Benjamin Durham,	1st Cong. Church, Beloit, Wis.	
Mrs. Isabella McLennan,	Am. Pres. Church, Montreal,	
Henry Bliss,	1st Ch. of Christ, Springfield, Ms.	
Miss Eliza E. Bliss,	" " "	
Miss Sarah H. Hatch,	Trin. Cong. Ch. Warnick, Mass.	
	NOVEMBER 11, 1857.	
Miss Francis C. Bradley,	1st Ch. of Christ N. Haven, Con.	
	JANUARY 3, 1858.	
Philip Atkinson,	Cong. Ch. Bloomington, Ill.	
Mrs. Lucy Atkinson,	" " "	
Stephen W. D. Jackson,	Elliot Church, Newton, Mass.	

Names.	How Received.	Remarks.
William Shuttleworth,	Bedf. Cong. Ch. Brooklyn, N. Y.	
Edward F. Thomas,	Cong. Church, Homer, N. Y.	
Mrs. Edward F. Thomas,	Baptist Church, " "	
Mrs. Mary G. Adams,	2d Pres. Church, Galena, Ill.	
	MARCH 7, 1858.	
Hugh McLennan,	Profession,	
Miss Caroline F. Stewart,	"	
Hamilton B. Bogue,	"	
Benjamin F. Millard,	Presbytery of Bath, N. Y.	
Lyman Baird,	3d Cong. Church, New Haven.	

Names.	How Received.	Remarks.
	OCTOBER 3, 1853.	
James U. House,	Profession,	Dis. May 1, 1857, C. [Ch. Dubuque, Ia.]
	NOVEMBER 3. 1853.	
Miss Harriet House,	Pres. Church, Pine Plains, N. J.	Dis. May 1, 2857, C. [Ch. Dubuque, Ia.]
William Baker,	3d. Pres. Church Chicago.	
Mrs Elizabeth Ann Baker,	" " "	
Mrs. Julia Maynard,	Cong. Church, Sheboygan, Wis.	
Miss Sophia Maynard,	" " " "	
	NOVEMBER 6, 1853.	
Miss Laura Howe,	1st. Pres. Church, Chicago,	
Thomas Green,	" " "	Died Nov. 1, 1855
Mrs. Sarah Green,	" " "	
W. G. Hathaway,	Profession,	
	DECEMBER 20, 1853.	
Henry Dickson,	Mont Vernon Church, Boston,	
Mrs. Ellen Dickson,	" " "	
Charles Cress,	Profession,	
	MARCH 1, 1854.	
Jane A. Van O'Linda,	Pres. Church, Theresa, N. Y.	
John Quincy Adams,	1st Pres. Church, Galesburg, Ill.	
	MAY 3, 1854.	
Holmes O. Sleight,	Cong. Church, Geneseo, Ill.	Died Geneseo, Ill.
	MAY 14, 1854.	
Mrs. Frances Mees,	1st Pres. Church, Chicago, Ill.	Died July, 1854
Mrs. Maria Kopper,	" " " "	Dis. Nov. 15, 1855, [Freeport, Ill.]
	JANUARY 14, 1855.	
Frank G. Green,	Profession,	Dis. April 21, 1855
	APRIL 25, 1855.	
Charles R. Chandler.	Cong. Church, Lunenburgh, Vt.	
	MAY 3, 1855.	
Ephraim Jennings,	Cong. Church, Kenosha, Wis.	
Mrs. Eliza W. Jennings,	" " Natick, Mass.	

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	MAY 6, 1855.	
Mortimer M. Brown,	Profession,	Dis. Nov. 15, 1855, [Oneida, Ill.
Thomas Phelps,	"	
Richard Barnard,	"	
Mrs. Martha Jane White,	"	
Mrs. Almira N. Wilder,	"	
	JULY 1, 1855.	
Miss Mary Anna Wright,	Profession,	
Luther Temple,	Cong. Church, Marietta, O.	Dis. July 14, 1856, [C. C. Marietta, O.]
Hannah Temple,	" " " "	Dis. July 14, 1856, [C. C. Marietta, O.]
Edward A. Bogue,	Ithaca, N. Y.	
	AUGUST 29, 1855.	
Mrs. Lydia Carpenter,	Roscoe, Ill.	
	DECEMBER 20, 1855.	
Jason L. Lee,	Cong. Ch. Union City, Mich.	
	JANUARY 10, 1856.	
William H. Seeley,	Pres. Ch. Sag Harbour, L. I.	
	FEBRUARY 9, 1856.	
Mrs. Harriet B. Whittlesey,	1st Cong. Church, Exeter, N. H.	
	APRIL 10, 1856.	
Wm. C. Hubbard,	Park Street Church, Boston,	
James Parker,	1st Pres. Church, Galena, Ill.	
Miss Eliza L. Whitney,	1st Pres. Ch. Silver Creek, N. Y.	
Caroline Niesman,	2d Pres. Church, Galena, Ill.	
	JULY 1, 1856.	
Albert L. Coe,	Profession,	
George Gallup,	"	
	AUGUST 7, 1856.	
Eliphalet W. Blatchford,	1st Trin. Cong. Ch. St. Louis, M.	
William Backus,	Bed. Cong. Ch. Brooklyn, N. Y.	
	OCTOBER 29, 1856.	
Mrs. Cynthia Davidson,	Cen. Cong. Ch. Gilmanton, N. H.	

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